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2. I own more than 60 pairs of jeans
3. I was on the Bozo show five times as a kid.

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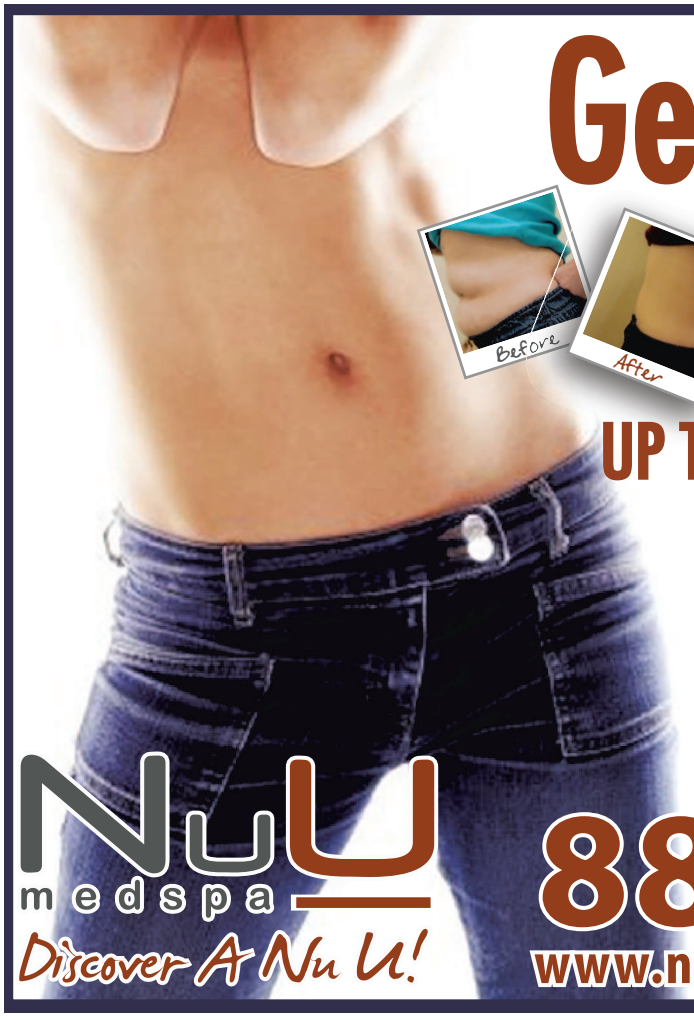
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Tracking the 2-month ordeal

Rescue workers started to evacuate Chile's 33 trapped miners Tuesday night—and will keep working during the next two days to attempt to bring everyone out. Here is a timeline of the ordeal, one of the greatest mining accidents in Chile's history. **REUTERS**

Aug. 5
A cave-in leaves 33 miners trapped 2,300 feet vertically underground in a small copper-and-gold mine near the northern Chilean city of Copiapo.

Aug. 8
Rescue workers begin drilling bore-holes 5 inches in diameter into the mine to try to locate the miners.

Aug. 22
Early in the day, a drill reaches a depth of 2,260 feet and rescue workers hear tapping on the drill. Early in the afternoon, officials announce the miners have tied a note to the drill that says: "The 33 of us in the shelter are well."

Aug. 23
Food, water and medicine are lowered to the miners.



REUTERS

Sept. 17
A rescue drill reaches the miners (above). The small hole is widened in the next month to prepare for their evacuation.

Oct. 4
Chile's mining minister Laurence Golborne (right) says the miners could be rescued in the second half of October.



GETTY IMAGES

Oct. 9
Rescue workers finish drilling escape shaft, triggering jubilant celebrations, and the government says the men will be evacuated within days.

Monday
Rescue workers finish reinforcing the escape shaft with metal tubes to avoid any last-minute disaster, and the government says it will start to raise the men to the surface Tuesday night.



Miner Florencio Avalos (center, in beige suit) embraces workers after getting out of a rescue capsule Tuesday night. **GETTY IMAGES**

Rescued at last

Chilean miners begin to emerge after 2 months underground

Reuters

COPIAPO, Chile The first of 33 trapped miners was pulled to safety in a capsule barely wider than a man's shoulders Tuesday night, an emotional breakthrough as their two-month ordeal inside a Chilean mine neared its end.

Rescuers, relatives and friends cheered as 31-year-old father of two Florencio Avalos began his claustrophobic ascent of about 2,050 feet through thick rock. More rescues were under way as RedEye went to press.

Rescuer Manuel Gonzalez took 17 minutes to descend the near half-mile shaft and he was hugged by the waiting miners. He then took just minutes to buckle Avalos into the capsule and send him to the surface.

The men have spent 68 days in the hot, humid bowels of the gold and copper mine in Chile's northern Atacama desert. For the first 17 days, they all were believed to be dead, and their record-breaking story of survival has captured the world's attention.

Nervous wives, children, parents and friends waited on an arid, rocky hillside above the San Jose mine Tuesday night as rescue teams started an evacuation expected to take up to 48 hours.

President Sebastian Pinera sang to the strums of a guitar played by Mining Minister Laurence Golborne around a campfire as relatives waited anxiously for their loved ones.

The specially made steel cages are equipped with oxygen masks and escape hatches in case they get stuck.

Jessica Salgado's nerves jangled as she waited for her husband, Alex, to emerge.

"The first thing I'm going to do is hug him hard, tell him how much I love him and how I've missed him all this time," she said.

Rescuers on Monday successfully tested a capsule, dubbed "Phoenix" after the mythical bird that rose from the ashes, after reinforcing part of the narrow escape shaft with metal casing to prevent rocks falling and blocking the exit.

THE RETURN TO THE SURFACE
Each man's journey to safety should take 12 to 15 minutes. The capsule travels at about 3 feet per second, or a casual walking pace, and can speed to 10 feet per second if the miner being carried gets into trouble. The miners were being given dark glasses to avoid damaging their eyesight after spending so long in a dimly lit tunnel. They then will be under observation at a nearby hospital for two days.



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CORRECTIONS

» Tony Gilroy co-wrote the first three "Bourne" movies. An item on Page 24 of Tuesday's RedEye gave an incorrect credit.

» The name of John Tanzella, president of the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association, was misspelled Tuesday in RedEye's cover story.

I'm the best boss I'll ever work for

I'm super bummed. National Boss Day, which ranks up there with Christmas Day and Green Day among my favorite days, just isn't going to be much fun this year.

For one, it falls on Saturday, leaving many bosses out in the cold on the only day of the year they are recognized.

But it's not just the bosses who miss out. I too am going to be left out of all the joyous card-signing and group-gifting. As someone who freelances and is self-employed, I don't have a boss to celebrate.

In fact, other than when I worked a few random retail jobs, I've never had a boss. This is the day each year I get a taste of what it must feel like to be Jewish on Christmas, Native American on Columbus Day or BP on Earth Day.

It's not like I don't know what it means to have a boss. I've seen Michael Scott on "The Office," Bill Lumbergh in "Office Space" and Bruce Springsteen. So I can understand why people aren't all that excited about their bosses, seeing as they burn their feet with Foreman Grills, nag you about TPS reports and hang out with annoying saxophonists.

But for people like me, having a boss would be kind of awesome. It would mean not only that I was employed and making a steady income, but that I would have someone to look after me and keep me on task.

Most people generally are not fans of being told what to do (DON'T read this column! See what I did there?), but without a boss, it's easy to end up like me and take an extra 20 minutes at lunch, which turns into 2 hours, which ends up with an entire afternoon spent playing a full season of "NHL '11" on Xbox.

For the self-employed, it's great to be able to make your own schedule and pick what work you want to do, but you have to be constantly motivated—and usually you spend much more time looking for work than actually working. With a boss, you can be a part of a team, contributing to the greater good of something and share it with others, instead of just minor personal victories (even if you do go 78-4 and win the Stanley Cup with the Hawks on your lunch break).

You know what? I'm tired of being bummed. This year I'm going to take the day to celebrate myself. For those like me who are their own boss, you are pretty awesome too. People like us are an often forgotten segment of the "workforce."

Take the day to recognize your own hard work, because it might not be noticed by anyone else. Buy yourself a $20 Red Lobster gift card and a cheesy Hallmark card with Tony Danza on the front. You deserve it.

Heck, take a three-day weekend. You have your permission.

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CDC REPORT BREAKS DOWN WHO DRINKS WHAT—AND HOW MUCH

Reuters

If you're in a room with three friends, statistics say one of you is a binge drinker.

That's according to research released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which said nearly 25 percent of U.S. adults ages 18-34 engaged in binge drinking in the past month.

Among high school students who drink, 60 percent say they binge drink, which the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines as four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men over the span of a few hours.

Men in the study were more than twice as likely as women to binge drink, with 21 percent of men reporting binge drinking, compared with 10 percent of women.

And binge drinking was more common among whites than blacks, with 16 percent of whites reporting binge drinking compared with 10 percent of blacks.

"Binge drinking increases many health risks, including fatal car crashes, contracting a sexually transmitted disease, dating violence and drug overdoses," CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden said in a statement.

While most binge drinkers are not alcoholics, they often take chances with alcohol without realizing the risks to their health or the danger they pose to others, said Dr. Robert Brewer, alcohol program leader at CDC and one of the authors of the report, one of the CDC's new monthly Vital Signs reports that highlight recent health statistics.

The team studied data on self-reported binge drinking within the prior month among about 412,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and older from a 2009 behavioral risk survey, and from among 16,000 U.S. students ages 14-18 from a youth behavior risk survey.

"Alarmingly, almost one in three adults and two in three high school students who drink alcohol also binge drink, which usually leads to intoxication," Brewer said in a statement.

Excessive drinking, including binge drinking, kills more than 79,000 people in the U.S. each year.

Binge drinking varies widely from state to state, ranging from 6.8 percent of adults who drink alcohol in Tennessee to 23.9 percent in Wisconsin.

Overall, one-quarter of high school students and adults ages 18-34 engaged in binge drinking.

In May, the World Health Organization agreed on a plan to curb binge drinking and other forms of excessive alcohol use through guidelines that recommend higher taxes on alcoholic drinks and tighter marketing regulations.

The WHO estimates that risks linked to alcohol cause 2.5 million deaths a year from heart and liver disease, road accidents, suicides and cancers.



BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at some facts and figures concerning drinking in the U.S.

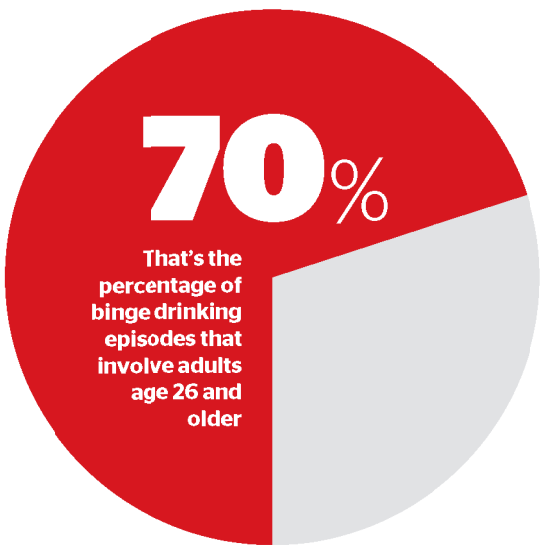
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90%

About 90 percent of the alcohol consumed by people under the age of 21 is in the form of binge drinking

75%

About 75 percent of the alcohol consumed by adults overall is in the form of binge drinking



BINGE

THE DEFINITION OF BINGE DRINKING

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines binge drinking as anything that brings a person's blood alcohol concentration to 0.08 percent or above. That can happen when men consume five or more drinks—or when women consume four or more drinks—in about two hours.



WINE ON THE RISE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

NEW YORK Social media is exploding in the wine business and a new survey illustrates just how important it has become, especially in this tough economic climate.

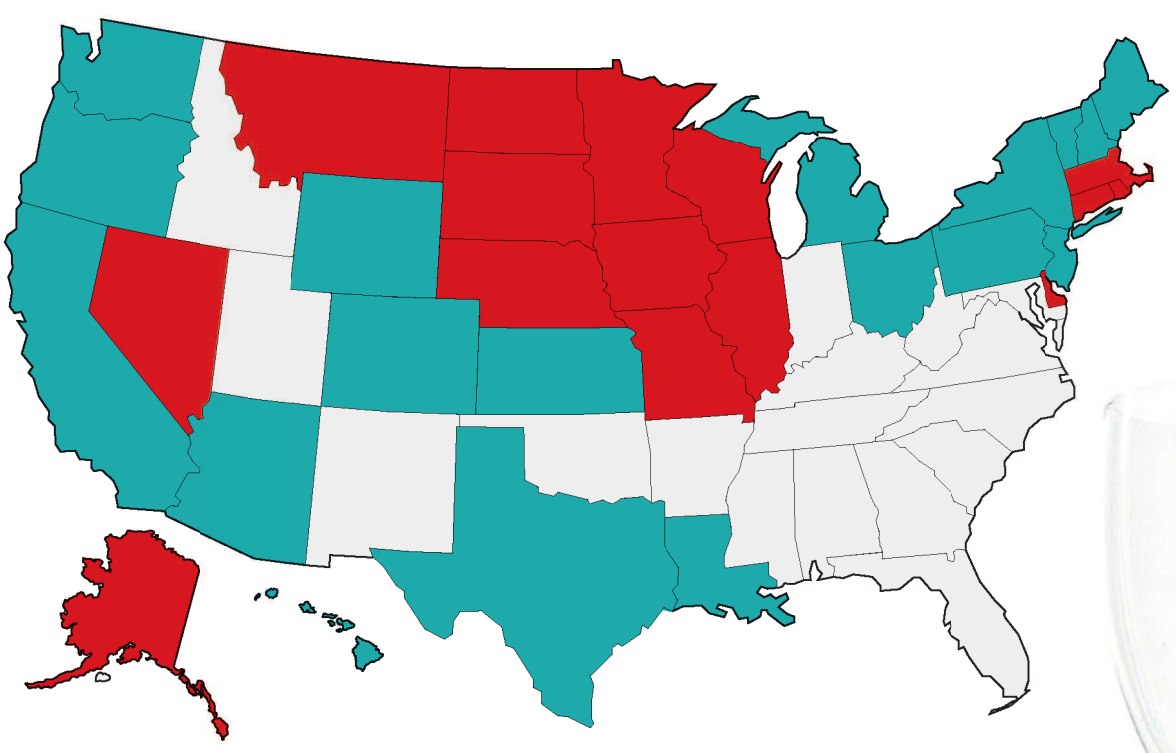
More than 80 percent of 109 grape growers, distributors, retailers and other wine experts in the California who were questioned in a survey by the Wine Industry Financial Symposium Group and the University of California-Davis Graduate School of Management said they were using Facebook in their business, up from 46 percent in 2009.

Sixty four percent were using Twitter, compared with just 21 percent in 2009, and 52 percent had a company blog, a rise from 18 percent a year ago.

While the jury is still out on social media's effectiveness in driving sales and profits, using Facebook and Twitter and blogging are relatively inexpensive ways for companies to get their messages out and get direct feedback from their customers. **REUTERS**

BINGE, USA

The Midwest along with the North Central Plains and lower New England were among the states with the highest prevalence of adult binge drinking. Alaska, Delaware, the District of Columbia and Nevada also ranked high in a 2009 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey. The map shows the prevalence of binge drinking by state.





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Midway's on-time departure record has improved since new rules were enacted. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE FILE

Late, later, latest

Report: Midway has highest frequency of tardy flights

Chicago Tribune

A higher rate of airline flights departed late from Midway than at any other major U.S. airport during the first eight months of the year, the U.S. Department of Transportation reported Tuesday.

At Midway, three flights out of 10 departed at least 15 minutes after their scheduled time to push back from the gate, according to the department's Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The 71 percent on-time departure record over the period was only slightly better in August, when 74 percent of flights departed Midway on time.

The sagging performance this year reflects an increase in passengers and flights as the economy slowly recovers, as well as the capacity limitations, especially during peak travel hours, at the airfield on the Southwest Side.

Eighty-three percent of flights arrived on time at Midway in August, slightly better than the 80 percent on-time arrival rate from January through August, the government reported.

At O'Hare, 81 percent of flights departed on time in August, and 76 percent left on time during the first eight months of 2010. On-time arrivals at O'Hare came in at 82 percent in August and 76 percent for the eight-month period.

In August—the fourth full month since new rules took effect April 29 requiring the airlines to limit tarmac delays to no more than three hours and then offer passengers an opportunity to exit aircraft—only one delay of more than three hours occurred nationwide, officials said. The excessive delay involved a United Airlines flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Dulles International Airport outside Washington. The flight, which had been diverted, sat on the tarmac in Richmond, Va., for three hours and 20 minutes Aug. 5 before continuing to its destination.

In August 2009, 66 flights had tarmac delays exceeding three hours, officials said. Flight cancellations totaled 1 percent in August, the same rate as in August 2009.

Parking machines vanishing

Chicago Tribune

Irate drivers may have found one way to deal with Chicago's new parking meters.

Twenty of the 200-pound electronic parking pay machines have been stolen throughout Chicago since Sept. 17, police spokesman Roderick Drew said in an e-mail. It isn't known how much cash may have been taken from the stolen machines, he said.

Four of the pay machines have been recovered, Drew said.

Drivers who paid for parking with a credit card shouldn't be concerned about their information being stolen because the machines don't store credit card numbers, Drew said.

Although the thefts have been reported citywide, nearly half have occurred in the Grand Central Area on the Northwest Side, he said.

"Area 5 Detectives have been working with LAZ Parking to address this issue. Residents who witness vandalism or suspicious behavior should call police immediately," Drew said.

Police are still investigating, he said.

Nearly two years ago, the city signed a 75-year parking meter lease with Chicago Parking Meters LLC that led to soaring rates and initial troubles with jammed, broken and error-prone meters that angered many drivers.

Avis LaVelle, a spokeswoman for Chicago Parking Meters LLC, said in a statement she could not confirm the reports of thefts.

But she added, "Theft or destruction of pay boxes and meters is regarded as a very serious offense and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

HOT DATE

OCT. 24

The search for this year's Daley Plaza Christmas tree got off to a false start, but after extending the deadline, city officials say they have received a bounty of new applicants. Monday was the deadline for submissions, and the Mayor's Office of Special Events says the city received more than 60 offers from locals to have their tree displayed downtown during the holidays. Three finalists will be selected and Chicagoans can vote for their favorite tree the on city's website from Monday through Oct. 24.

Area Marine shot, killed in Afghanistan

Chicago Tribune

A Chicago Marine on his first combat deployment was killed in Afghanistan on Friday.

Lance Cpl. John T. Sparks, 23, was killed by small-arms fire while fighting enemy forces in Afghanistan's Helmand Province, according to the Marine Corps. Sparks served as a machine gunner.

Sparks, who enlisted in February 2008, was based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

He had earned a number of honors as a Marine, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Action Ribbon.

A family member reached by phone Tuesday declined comment.

"The Marines and sailors of the 1st Marine Division mourn the loss of Lance Cpl. Sparks. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family," Marine Corps officials said in a statement released Tuesday.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also issued a statement Tuesday expressing appreciation for Sparks' service, according to the governor's website.

Cop released in shooting case

Chicago Tribune

Hours after Will County prosecutors appeared at a court hearing with a Lynwood police officer charged in a bizarre two-state shooting spree, they set him free Tuesday with an apology and the hope that he understands their error.

A relieved Brian Dorian, 37, was released from Will County Jail on Tuesday evening as local law enforcement officials resumed their manhunt for a man known as the "honeybee gunman."

Dorian had been held in lieu of $2.5 million bail since his arrest Friday morning in his Crete home.

"I feel horrible that Brian Dorian went through this," Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow said. "I certainly would apologize for any inconvenience he has suffered. But at the same time, he is a police officer, and if he were in our shoes ... Brian Dorian would have acted the same way."

Lynwood police Chief Russell Pearson accused prosecutors of damaging Dorian's reputation and dragging his fellow officers "through the mud."



The police station at Halsted and Addison looks almost the same today (inset) as it did in the 1920s. TRIBUNE FILE; MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

A century of service

City's oldest operating police station closing its doors in Boystown

Chicago Tribune

The cramped, creaking Town Hall police station in Boystown is itself like an old, battered cop who, despite being years past his prime, can't quite bring himself to retire.

And like that grizzled veteran, if it could, the building at Halsted and Addison streets in Lakeview would tell stories about its glory days.

Ever hear about the time in 1969 when some nut set off a bomb just outside the station?

Or when those crooks running booze for "Bugs" Moran during Prohibition marched toward lockup with bracelets on their wrists and egg on their face?

What about the time some professor came into the station, claiming somebody stole his rooster?

They don't make them like this building anymore, still standing after 15 Chicago mayors and 26 top cops. And now, the department's oldest still-operating police station finally has to go.

Next month, Town Hall cops will move out of the 103-year-old barn-style station and into a new, secure 44,000-square-foot station next door.

More of an accidental icon than an intentional landmark, the station—built in 1907 from the remnants of the old town hall and courthouse for the suburb of Lake View—has survived while newer stations have come and gone.

Town Hall stayed open despite complaints from the very top of the department. In 1966, police Superintendent O.W. Wilson said a station as old as Town Hall couldn't "provide the space and modern equipment necessary for today's police needs."

Today, desk sergeants continue to listen to angry rants or tearful pleas behind the station's old chest-high front desk.

While generations have grumbled about the station's lack of space and security, Lt. Robert Stasch, who served as a patrol officer in the district, said he will miss the old station house.

"When I walk through these doors, I get a whiff of nostalgia," Stasch said. "The famous policemen, the famous criminals, just the famous people."

Daley to offer budget

Mayor Daley on Wednesday is expected to offer up an election-year budget—even though he's not running for re-election. The spending plan will be a mostly hold-the-line proposal without tax or fee increases. And it will put up to 200 more cops on the streets, the mayor announced Tuesday.

VP attends Quinn rally

Vice President Joe Biden visited Chicago on Tuesday to raise money and rally Democrats on behalf of Gov. Quinn's election campaign. Seeking to bolster Quinn's theme of job creation, the governor and Biden appeared at a rally dubbed "Putting Illinois Back to Work" on the Near West Side.

Passenger in crash sues CTA

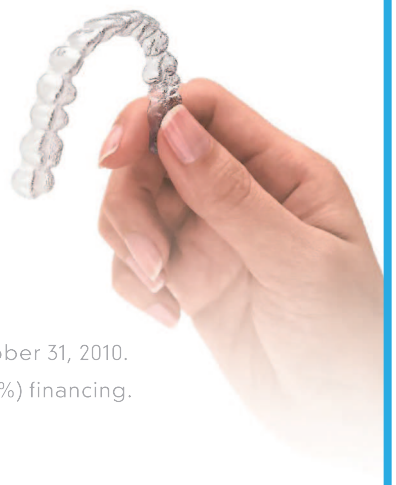
A passenger on a CTA bus that careened off Lake Shore Drive and smashed into a tree filed a lawsuit Tuesday alleging the vehicle's steering mechanism failed to properly operate. It marked the first lawsuit filed since the accident Saturday, when more than 30 passengers, including the driver, were injured.

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Civilian plane crashes near Kabul

1 Security forces were searching for a civilian cargo plane that crashed in the Afghan mountains near Kabul on Tuesday. Eight people on the plane were killed, a spokesman for Afghanistan's minister of transport said.

Fort Hood shooter hearing starts

2 The military opened a hearing Tuesday for Maj. Nidal Hasan, the U.S. Army psychiatrist accused of last year's Fort Hood shootings in Texas, then adjourned it almost immediately because of a scheduling conflict. It will continue Wednesday.

Google wind farm

Google is investing in a new wind farm to be located off the East Coast. Google said the Atlantic Wind Connection will stretch 350 miles from New Jersey to Virginia.

Al-Qaida magazine releases new edition

3 The second edition of an online al-Qaida magazine with terror tips has surfaced. The magazine is called "Inspire" and intelligence officials believe an American citizen named Samir Khan, now living in Yemen, is the driving force behind the publication.

Stepmom: I wrote ransom note

4 The stepmother of a missing 10-year-old Hickory, N.C., girl has admitted writing a ransom note found at the family's home, authorities said Tuesday. The investigation has shifted from a possible abduction into a homicide probe, police said.

White House lifts drilling moratorium

5 The Obama administration is lifting the moratorium on deep-water oil drilling—put in place after the Gulf oil spill disaster—for operators who comply with tough new rules and regulations, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced Tuesday.



A button on the jacket of World War II veteran Paul Goercke, chaplain at the Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448, is shown at their office in San Francisco. According to its website, Post 448 is the only one whose membership is predominantly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. **AP**

'DADT' BARRED

JUDGE ENDS POLICY BANNING GAYS FROM SERVING OPENLY

6 **SAN FRANCISCO** A federal judge on Tuesday ordered the U.S. military to stop enforcing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, effectively ending the ban on openly gay troops.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' permanent worldwide injunction—praised by gay rights organizations—orders the military "immediately to suspend and discontinue any investigation, or discharge, separation, or other proceeding, that may have been commenced" under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The judge was appointed by President Bill Clinton and is based in the Central District of California. She previously ruled that the policy regarding gays serving in the military violated service members' Fifth Amendment rights to due process and freedom of speech, but had delayed issuing the injunction.

The military was sued by Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmaler would say only that the department is "reviewing the ruling." The department has 60 days to appeal, but is not required to do so.

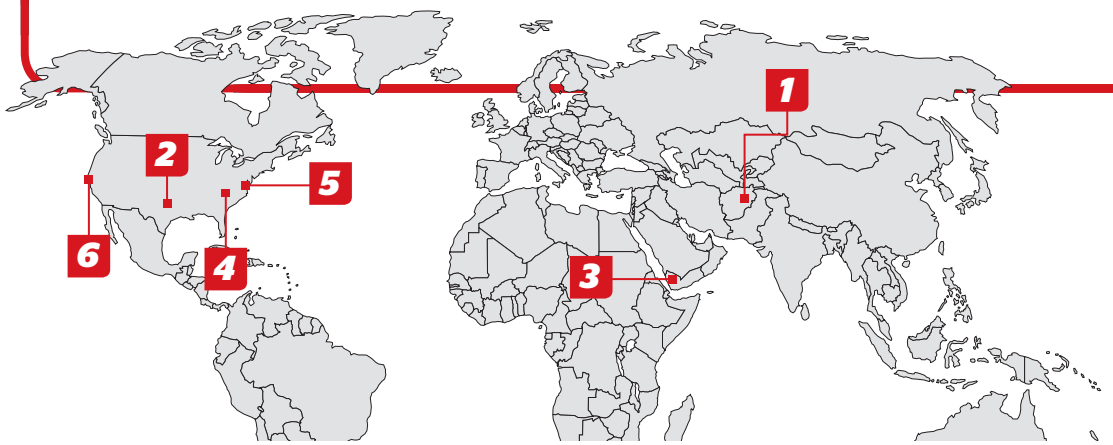
The Defense Department is reviewing the ruling to determine whether it has immediate effect and is consulting with the Justice Department, Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said.

Air Force lawyers in a recent case argued the military—not the courts—is in the best position to evaluate and enforce the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

President Obama is pushing for a repeal of the controversial policy. A bill currently before Congress would overturn the measure after a Pentagon review is completed in December.

BY THE NUMBERS

More than 12,500 people have been booted from the military since "don't ask, don't tell" went into effect. Along with barring known gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals from serving, the policy prevents the military from asking them about it.



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That's how long the traditional Gap logo was around before the company unveiled its controversial new design. On Monday, the company said it would drop the new version after a flood of complaints on Facebook and Twitter.

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BULLS 109, TORONTO 90

Bulls' one-two punch

7-footers make Boozer's absence easier to handle



Bulls center Omer Asik dunks during the first half of the team's preseason victory over Toronto on Tuesday. He finished with nine points and eight rebounds. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

Chicago Tribune

With five words, delivered in his inimitable style, Joakim Noah aptly summarized Omer Asik.

"The dude is, like, big," Noah said.

Yep. And with Carlos Boozer out until at least late November, expect to see Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau continue pairing the 7-foot rookie with Noah.

"That lineup allows us to go big," Thibodeau said of sliding Noah to power forward. "I like using two 7-footers."

He certainly liked what he saw in Tuesday night's 109-90 win over Toronto at the United Center.

Asik had nine points, seven rebounds and three blocks in 20 minutes of play. He showed off his moves with a drive-and-dunk near the end of the first quarter and an impressive block of Reggie Evans early in the second.

"Omer will bring a lot to this team," Noah said. "He can put the ball on the floor. He can rebound. He's only going to get better as the season goes along."

Noah, the other half of Thibodeau's twin towers, just missed a triple-double with 16 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists.

Derrick Rose led the team with 23 points, adding seven assists and five rebounds. REDEYE CONTRIBUTED

BOOZER ON TRACK

Carlos Boozer said he will have the cast on the fractured right metacarpal of his right hand removed in three weeks.

"I'm doing conditioning and cardio; I'm doing good," Boozer said. "I hope I'm going to be back quicker than normal. We'll let the bone heal and see where we stand."

Boozer also addressed the inaccurate report that claimed the Bulls are looking into his story that he tripped over a gym bag to suffer his injury. The Bulls denied the report Monday.

"It's completely false," Boozer said. "You want to get your facts right before you decide to write something that's not true. My teammates are behind me. The Bulls are behind me."

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Don't be this creep



top ten chicago sports

MATT OLSEN
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Thanks to Brett Favre's alleged acts of sexual harassment with the N.Y. Jets, we've been forced to endure a week of talk about his man meat. I'm as disturbed by this and want to make sure we never have to suffer through it again. So, pro athletes, here are the Top Ten Things to Avoid if You're Going to Be a Creep.

10 Porn stars
Your porn-star mistress wouldn't hesitate to tell the world every detail of your deviances. Like they say, loose lips sink ships.

9 PDA
Don't mind them. That's just paparazzi scuba-diving in your septic tank catching you with the blonde you brought home.

8 Sexting
When you're texting her about your fetish, at least make sure you spell it correctly. Have some self-respect, man.

7 Gold diggers
You're just a walking, talking lottery ticket and not the sexual dynamo her pet name for you, Powerballs, suggests.

6 Variety
Hell hath no fury like an army of scorned women with nothing to lose and everything to gain. Right, Tiger?

5 E-mails
Once these go public, they'll make their way into mainstream media faster than you can say "she gets the houses, cars and cash."

4 Voice mails
Nobody will ever look at you the same way after hearing your phone sex voice.

3 No protection
No condom, no excuse. Not when MacGyver could create one out of duct tape, a burlap bag and a roll of dollar coins.

2 Money shot
If you're gonna snap a shot of your junk, make sure you've got something impressive to show. Favre, not so much.

1 Sex tape
Coming soon to a computer near you, your favorite NFL star in "4th and Inches."

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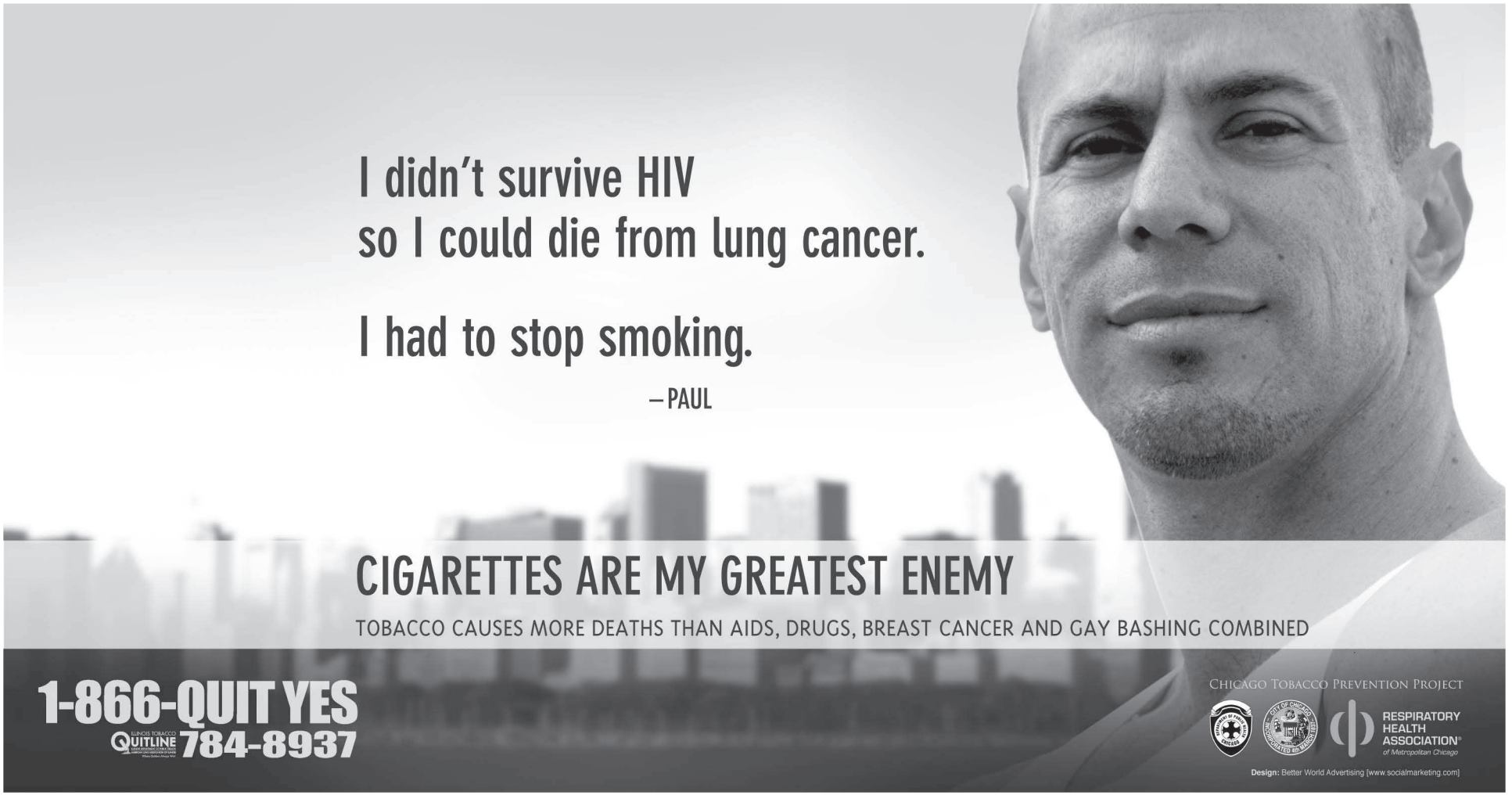
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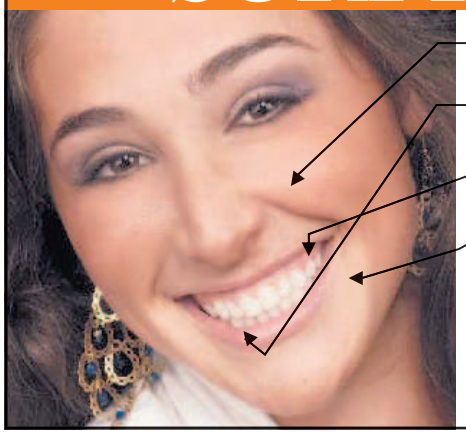






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1 What would the Bulls find if they investigated Carlos Boozer's hand injury?	The culprit behind Derrek Lee's broken chair.	Just because you went to Duke doesn't mean you're smart. "Fell over a bag," my foot.	A man with a limited capacity for making up good stories about how he broke his hand.	A broken piano key from playing his heart out during Beethoven's 9th Symphony.	His last name is "Boozer." It's not a Sherlock Holmes mystery to solve.
2 Todd Collins should feel like his job with the Bears is ...	... less useful than a coat in the Caribbean.	... gone like that 'N Sync song. Word to Joey Fatone.	... wait ... Todd Collins still has a job with the Bears? Are you kidding me?	... wait ... why do I hear "Closing Time" by Semisonic?	... a sack waiting to happen, a headache and a memory he'll soon forget.
3 How could Julius Peppers' return to North Carolina have gone better?	18 holes at Pinehurst No. 2. It's not like the Bears needed him in the second half.	He could have gotten a few Blue Cups at He's Not Here, the best-named bar in history.	The Bears could have let him sack Todd Collins for a while too. At least that would have made my day better.	If he did a triple back flip into a toe touch with the Panthers cheerleaders.	Returning to Chicago with Steve Smith would have iced it.
4 Brett Favre apologized for being a distraction. Who else should do the same?	The Cubs. That's another six months fans could have been at work instead of at matinees.	Helen Mirren. (Looks around.) What? I can't be the only one who thinks she's hot.	Ernest Wilkins. I get nothing done with that guy around.	Benny the Bull. He's always stealing my thunder.	Jenn Sterger.
5 If Larry Rothschild didn't pick up his option with the Cubs, he would ...	... have plenty of time to party with Jay Cutler.	... be a very, very smart man. Yeah, I said it.	... probably trip over it and break his hand. (rimshot)	... redeem himself as the manager of the Tampa Bay Rays.	... check out of coaching like Lou Piniella did in April.

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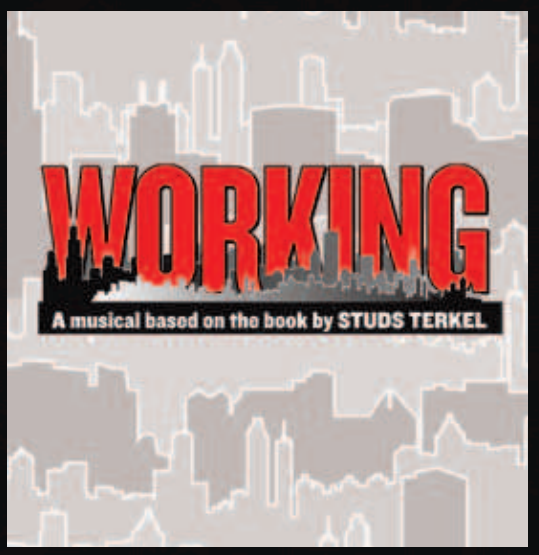
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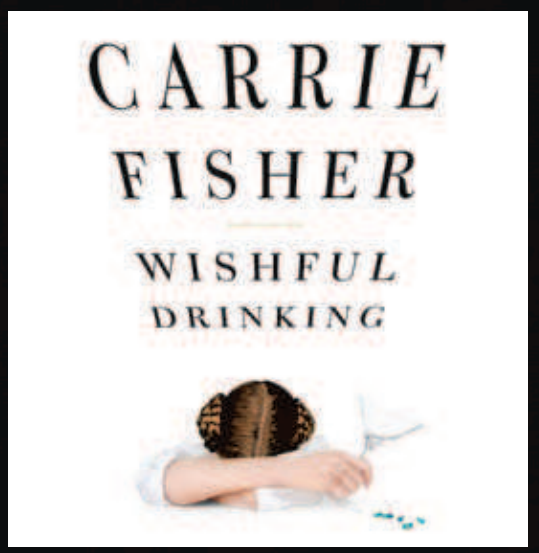
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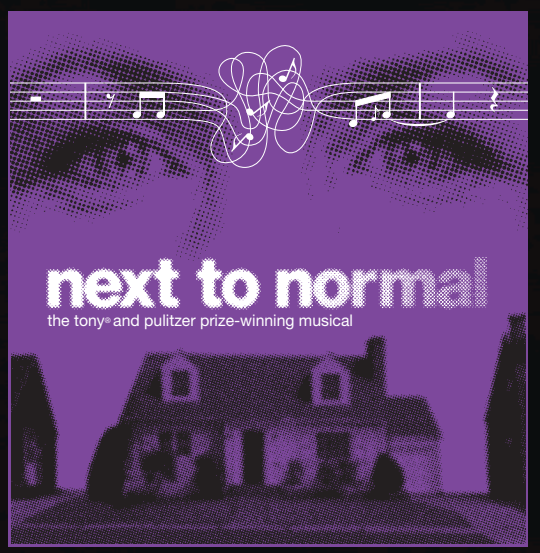












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Jenn Sterger
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Sterger cancels Chicago event

Former New York Jets sideline reporter Jenn Sterger has canceled her appearance at Bull and Bear on Saturday because of the controversy involving her and Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre.

"Jenn decided to cancel this weekend's appearance in Chicago at our Big Ten Tackle event," said Michelle Burnett, Bull and Bear's director of marketing. "She told us that it was not the best time for her to be making a public appearance with all that is going on. She has assured us that she will be making a future appearance at Bull and Bear per her contract with us."

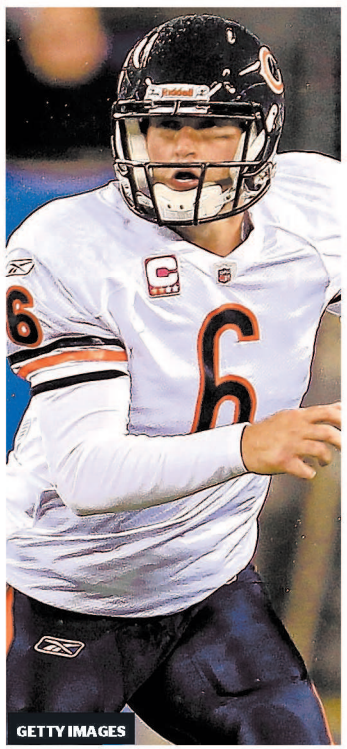
Sterger, who was to serve as host of the event along with former NBA and Ohio State star Jimmy Jackson, allegedly received inappropriate voice messages and photos from Favre. The NFL says it is investigating the matter.

The QB carousel

Cutler back in, Hanie the backup and Collins out of luck

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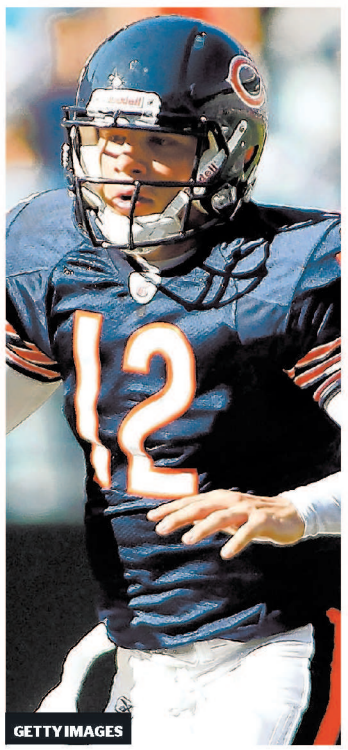
You could call it the wheel of misfortune or a scary-go-round. Most people, however, call it the Bears quarterback rotation. Jay Cutler, Todd Collins and Caleb Hanie all have played significant minutes for the Bears this season. Sunday it's Cutler's turn again after being cleared to play against Seattle at Soldier Field. That's good news for fans who watched Collins bungle his way through Sunday's game at Carolina. Or, we should say, most of the game. Hanie was brought in late in the third quarter in relief of an atrocious Collins. Here's a rundown of where things stand now for the Bears and a brief look at the QB corps.



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Jay Cutler

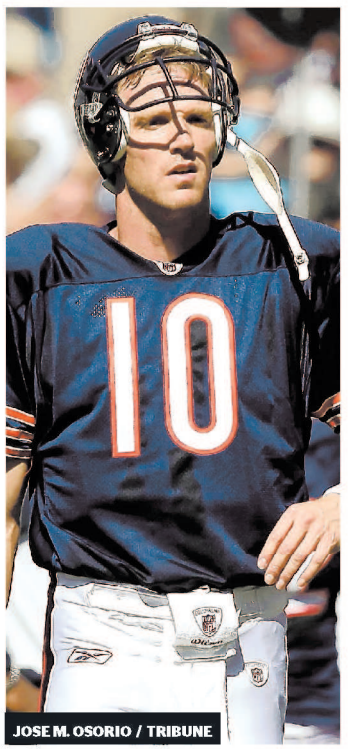
WHO: The starter—again.
WHY: Cutler is well enough to play after sitting out last week's game in Carolina.
WHAT HAPPENED: Suffered a concussion while enduring nine sacks in New York two weeks ago.



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Caleb Hanie

WHO: The backup.
WHY: Collins played so poorly Sunday that he lost his backup role.
WHAT HAPPENED: Hanie looked good enough in relief of Collins, completing two of three passes for 19 yards.



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Todd Collins

WHO: The third-stringer.
WHY: Completing just six of 16 passes for 32 yards with four interceptions and a 6.2 passer rating won't get you many promotions.
WHAT HAPPENED: He essentially lost his backup job when the Bears yanked him in the third quarter in Carolina.

» Blackhawks defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson received a two-game suspension from the NHL on Tuesday for his blind-side hit on Buffalo's Jason Pominville during Monday's game, according to a Twitter report from TSN's Bob McKenzie.

» The NFL expects to review the catch rule that cost Lions receiver Calvin Johnson a potential winning touchdown against the Bears. NFL competition committee co-chairman Rich McKay said he recognizes the outcry and sees a "definite conflict."

» A former sports agent tells Sports Illustrated he paid college football players early in his career, and several of them confirm it to the magazine. Josh Luchs says in the Oct. 18 edition he paid more than 30 players from 1990-96, including many who didn't sign with him.

FINAL SCORE » Kansas City 2, Fire 0 » Texas 5, Tampa Bay 1 (Rangers win series 3-2) » New England gets wide receiver Deion Branch in trade with Seattle.



Jay Cutler is back for the Bears this week. Todd Collins joins me in the doghouse. Here now, my picks.

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1 **Hawks 4, Predators 2.** The Hawks don't need Schwarzenegger's help.

Marshall vs. Central Florida

7 p.m. ESPN

2 **Thundering Herd 30, Knights 20.** Even though MU used to be known as the Boogercats.

Washington vs. N.Y. Islanders

6 p.m. Vs.

3 **Capitals 3, Islanders 0.** Alex Ovechkin is so good, he might as well play goalie too.

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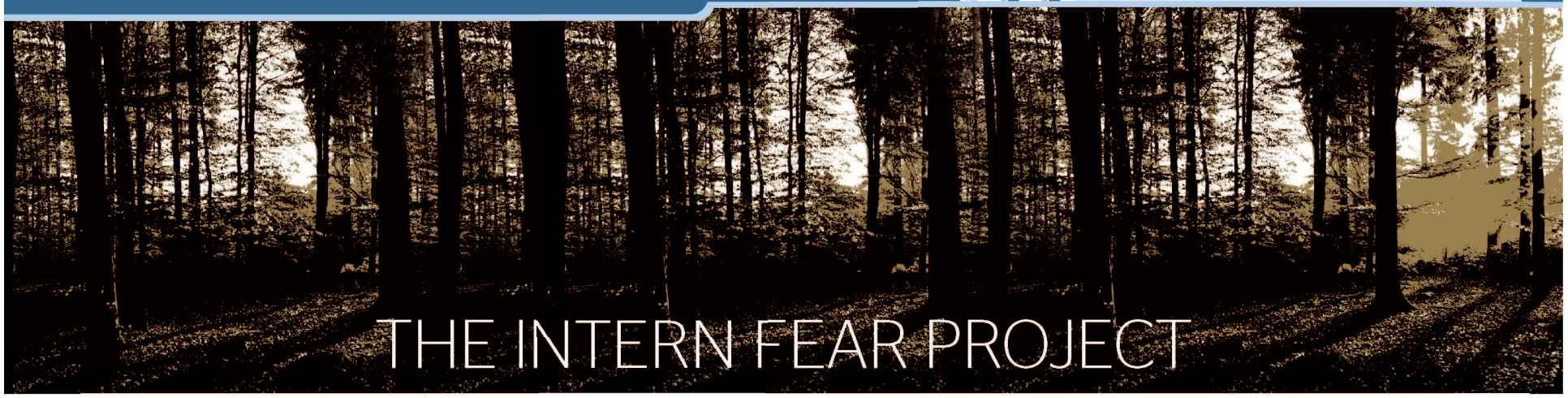
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THE INTERN FEAR PROJECT

Here's what happens when we send the interns to test freaky stuff around town

BY GEOFF GEORGE AND LINDA HAYS

With Halloween weeks away, two Metromix interns set out to test their courage against scary challenges in Chicago and beyond. Equipped with only their notebooks, pens and a point-and-shoot camera, Geoff George and Linda Hays took a series of field notes that later were discovered in tatters near the doors of The Fear Haunted House at Navy Pier. This chart, salvaged from those pages, is all that remains of their mysterious, unknown and no doubt terrible journey. They were never heard from again.

Until they showed up for work the next day.

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	Chicago Hauntings Tour	Dream Reapers	The Ledge	The Fear at Navy Pier	Chronicles of the Cursed
AHHH!!!		**Geoff: AHHH!!!**—So long. So many scares. You'll be tempted to just shut your eyes and wait for the end.		**Linda: Yikes!**—Claustrophobia might be a concern near the end, and the dangling heads are quite unexpected.	**Geoff: Yikes!**—Plenty of good surprises here, and the maze in the middle will turn you around more than once.
Yikes!	**Linda: Hmm...**—Keep an open mind about the haunting legends and maybe you'll spot a few ghostly "orbs" in your photos!	**Linda: AHHH!!!**—A variety of tricks and "sinister scents" to match themed rooms, plus more actors lurking in the dark than you can count.	**Geoff: Meh**—Acrophobia's barely a concern. The view's great and King Kong would have to climb the tower to break the glass below your feet.	**Geoff: Hmm ...**— A few good jumps and the tight spaces are effective, but there aren't enough people hiding in the corners.	**Linda: Hmm ...**—One smell is gag-inducing, but some actors need to learn not to cross the line.
Hmm ...					
Meh			**Linda: Lame**—Crowded with tourists and smudged with fingerprints, your greatest fear might be the germs.		
Lame	**Geoff: Lame**—The price of tickets and the sparse history lesson will scare you more than the sites you'll visit.				

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Challenge: Negotiate the nightmares of this lengthy haunted house just west of Chicago.

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DINING DEALS AND EVENTS THROUGH SUNDAY

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✻ **CARNIVALE**
6:30 p.m. Wed.: Carnivale University Fall Semester: Mojitos 101. A series on Latin cuisine includes food and drink samples with each lesson. Attend all three courses and you get a $25 gift certificate. $25-$65. RSVP required; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

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11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $7.95-$8.95 lunch. Includes your choice of entree, plus garlic bread and a soda; 49 E. Cermak Rd. 312-326-0062.

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5 p.m. Fri.: Cow-abunga on the River. Feast on all-you-can-eat meat on the heated riverfront veranda. Includes two seasonal beers from Ohio's Great Lakes Brewing Company. $30; 315 N. LaSalle Drive. 312-822-0100.

✻ **MACY'S**
6 p.m. Fri.: Celebrity Chef Ball. Sample dishes from Stephanie Izard, Jimmy Bannos Jr., Rick Gresh and nearly 80 other local chefs at the 22nd annual event. Choose from a seated dinner (6 p.m., $300), or a later option featuring appetizers and desserts (8 p.m., $100). Includes casino games, cocktails, wine, beer, live music, a DJ and a silent auction. $100-$300; 111 N. State St. 312-744-2120.


The Portage
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✻ **MON AMI GABI**
10 a.m. Sat.: French Classics cooking class. Chef Justin Dumcum demonstrates how to prepare jumbo lump crab cake with celery root remoulade, prime rib roast with roasted root vegetables and vanilla creme brulee. Includes a three-course lunch, a French wine tasting and a recipe book. $50. RSVP required; 2300 N. Lincoln Park West. 773-348-8886.

✻ **THE PORTAGE**
5 p.m. Fri.-Sun.: Sweetest Day at The Portage. A four-course dinner includes wine pairings. $50; 3938 N. Central Ave. 773-853-0779.

✻ **RUB BBQ COMPANY**
11 a.m. Sat.-Sun.: Grand Opening. Try free samples of signature side dishes, get a free dessert with an entree purchase and enter a drawing to win free lunch for a year. Prices vary; 2407 W. Lunt St. 773-675-1410.

✻ **SABLE KITCHEN & BAR**
6:30 p.m. Thu.: Bottle Battle: Whiskey vs. Wines. Master sommelier Emily Wines and head bartender Mike Ryan dress in wrestling costumes at a four-course dinner with wine and whiskey cocktail pairings. Guests judge each selection. $50. RSVP recommended; 505 N. State St. 312-755-9704.

SHAW'S CRAB HOUSE
11:30 a.m. Wed.-Thu., 3 p.m. Fri.: Royster with the Oyster. The 22nd annual festival features menu specials and nightly slurping contests. Sample oysters (six for $7) while finalists compete for $1,000 in the "grand slurp-off" championship (7 p.m.). Also features live music. $10 donation for tent party; 21 E. Hubbard St. 312-527-2722.

VERMILION
5-7 p.m. Wed.-Thu., Sun.: $12 tapas flight; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $24 three-course lunch inspired by Iron Chef America battles; 10 W. Hubbard St. 312-527-4060.

✻ **ZOCALO**
6:30 p.m. Thu.: Tequila tasting series. Includes tequila samples, two drinks, appetizers, a raffle ticket and live music. Featured tequila is Riazul Tequila. $20. RSVP recommended; 358 W. Ontario St. 312-302-9977.

DINING PICK OF THE WEEK

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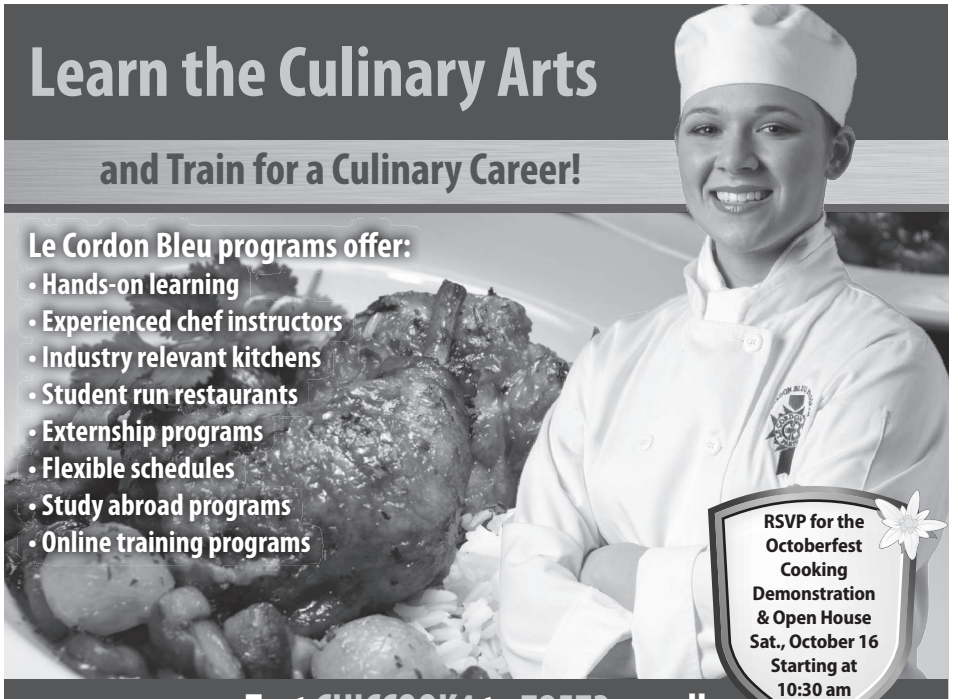
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5 THINGS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK


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1 Drink of the week at **Longman & Eagle** (2657 N. Kedzie Ave.). Boost your cocktail knowledge with these rotating selections, changing on Mondays. This week, try the cachaca-spiked Midnight in Sicily ($8). **—VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ**

2 The **local electric mandolin player** who appeared with Swedish psych-rockers Dungen last week at Lincoln Hall (2424 N. Lincoln Ave.). According to frontman Gustav Ejstes, this guy makes an onstage appearance at every Chicago Dungen show since he approached them in 2005 at the Intonation Music Festival. Talk about local pride! **—REBECCA PALMORE**

3 **Namche bazar ko sekuwa** ($15), the flavorful, tender goat meat marinated in Nepalese spices at newish Wicker Park spot Cumin (1414 N. Milwaukee Ave.). If you've never tried goat, let this be your first. You'll be glad you did. **—MATT PAIS**

4 **Vintage Heaven's monthly blowout sale** at Heaven Gallery (1550 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Stylish sellers hawk vintage clothing, jewelry, hats and purses at exceptional prices. Be sure to add the November sale to your holiday shopping plan. **—LISA BALDE**

5 "**Boobs and Goombas: A Super Mario Burlesque**," running through Oct. 30 at Bucktown's Gorilla Tango Theatre (1919 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Simply put, it's not exactly great theater, but we have to recognize the geek fantasy that lies within its absurdity. $15. **—M.P.**

JOIN THE RANDOMNESS!

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

WEDNESDAY DEALS & EVENTS

ATMOSPHERE
$2.50 select cocktails; 5355 N. Clark St. 773-784-1100.

BENNY'S CHOP HOUSE
$6 Oyster Stout bottles, $6 select cocktails (5-7 p.m.); 444 N. Wabash Ave. 312-626-2444.

BULL & BEAR
6 p.m.: Taste of Oktober Celebration. Sample seasonal brews with food pairings from executive chef David Blonsky. $10 donation benefits the Night Ministry; 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

THE CALL
Showtunes Night. $3 off specialty martinis and cosmos, $5 Jameson shots; 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-334-2525.

CIRCUIT
7 p.m.: Tree House on the Catwalk. Miss Foozie emcees the third annual hair and fashion show featuring styles from Chicago salons. Includes vegetarian appetizers, desserts, a drink, door prizes, a dance performance from Revelettes and a silent auction. DJ Demchuk spins. $25; 3641 N. Halsted St. 773-784-5488 238.

D.S. TEQUILA COMPANY
5 p.m.: Grand Opening Week. Food and drink specials include $2 tacos, $3 margaritas, $4 frozen margaritas and $5 burgers; 3352 N. Halsted St. 773-697-9127.

DECLAN'S IRISH PUB
$5 martinis vodka lemonades and mango margaritas; 1240 N. Wells St. 312-642-5522.

THE FRANKLIN TAP
$3 import bottles, $5 glasses of wine, $5 appetizers (5 p.m.); 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

HACKNEY'S
Half-price burgers at the bar (1 a.m.-4 p.m.; 733 S. Dearborn St. 312-461-1116.

MCGINNY'S TAP
$3.50 Stella Artois drafts, $5 Jack and Cokes, $5 patty melts; 313 W. North Ave. 312-943-5228.

POUR DRINKS & EATS
$3 Schlitz tall boys, $4 Jameson shots, $5 burgers; 3358 N. Ashland Ave. 773-472-3358.

THE SHRINE
9 p.m.: Upr!se: From FELA to the Funk. DJs Tone B, Nimble and King Scratch spin soul, funk and R&B at this weekly party. No cover; 2109 S. Wabash Ave. 312-753-5700.

SUBTERRANEAN
$4 vodka cranberry cocktails, $5 Bud pitchers; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

TWISTED SPOKE
Half-price whiskey cocktails, $10 for a burger and beer (11 a.m.-3 p.m.); 501 N. Ogden Ave. 312-666-1500.

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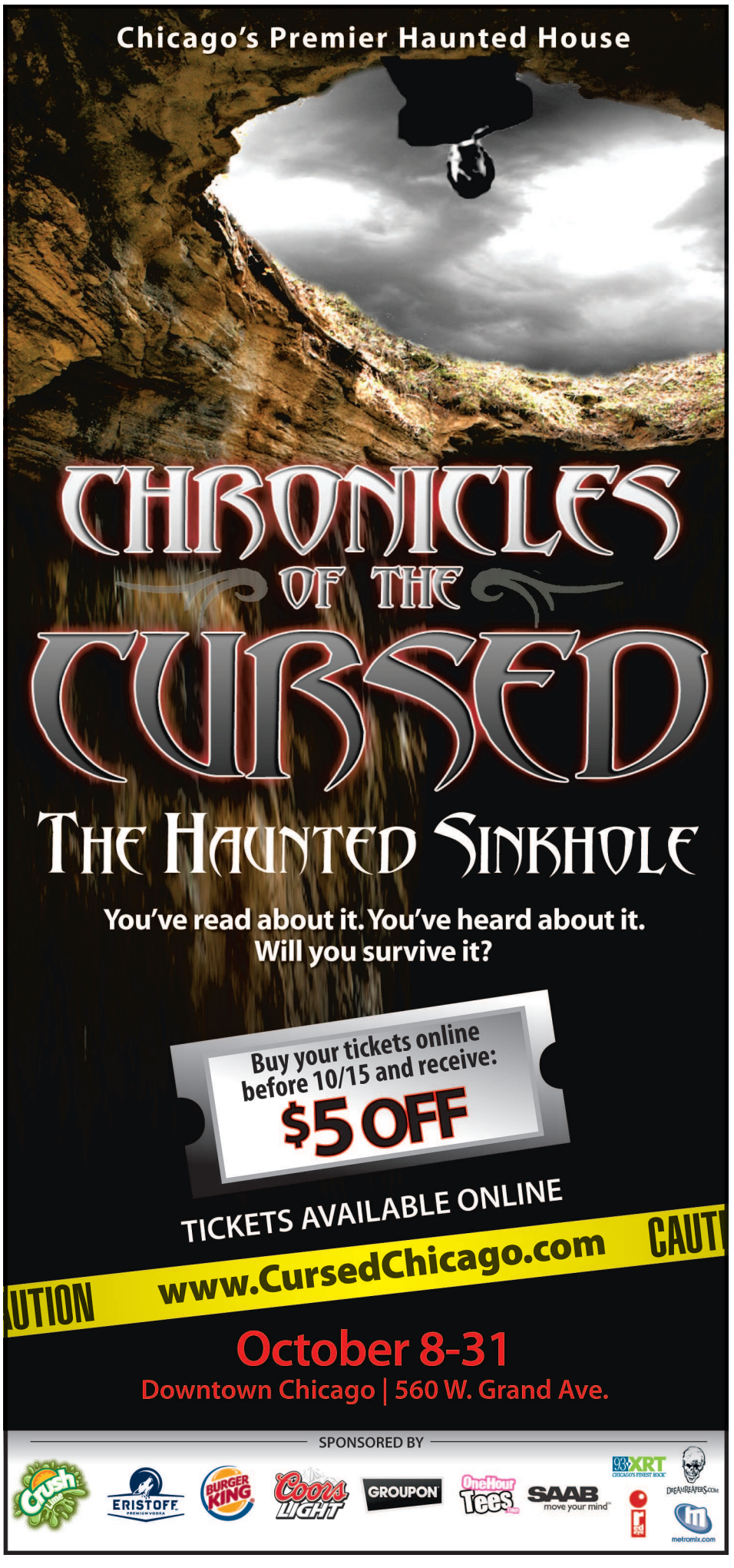
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This week: Are wristband drink packages awesome or annoying?



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VS



AWESOME

For those who like to drink their weight in domestic beer and well drinks, the pre-paid drink package—fashionably designated by a neon paper wristband—is a god-send. Given the natural drive to get one's $25 worth, there's absolutely no way you'll go home sober. For the guest of honor at a birthday bash held at a bar, it's a virtual guarantee of a night to remember (or more likely, forget). —LISA ARNETT



ANNOYING

Let's play rational adult for a moment, shall we? Yes, you get your money's worth, but at what cost? The chance of you having only a few drinks in one of those sessions is ridiculous. Wristbands are made for college-era blackouts, so you're going to be a straight mess after pounding drinks for three hours. Who wants to hang out with that? I dig a food/drink wristband special, but no dice otherwise. —ERNEST WILKINS



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Shaun Paul (center) and Chaperone

Wild at the wheel

Jangly quintet Chaperone will drive you somewhere but can't promise to be organized

By Andy Downing

There's something to be said for brevity.

On its debut EP, "Cripple King," local quintet Chaperone blows through five tunes in just under 13 minutes. A bulk of the songs, which veer between creaky, back-porch sing-alongs and shambolic '60s pop, find 27-year-old founder and Logan Square resident Shaun Paul channeling his inner Don Draper, locked in a struggle to contain the past. "When you can't go back," Paul sings on "Fed On Coal," "Where can you go?" Unsure how to answer the question, the frontman, who started Chaperone as a solo project six years ago, remains in perpetual motion, forever plotting the next getaway or pining for a life that no longer can be. "I can never come back to the fold," he harmonizes with his mates on the gorgeous, aching "Letter To Home." "So please don't forget me."

By phone Paul chatted about moving to Chicago without a job, recording all over town and always having "a sense of flailing uncontrollably."

These songs are loaded with mentions of not being able to go back and constant talk of escape.

Yeah, and that's definitely intentional. I think my master plan has always been to write a rock opera one day. Also, I grew up on a beach in [Wilmington], North Carolina, and moved up here nine years ago, so I think a sort of nostalgia sets in being that far away from family and all the familiar things from my childhood.

Did you have a job lined up when you moved?

No! That was a little bit scary. I moved up here with a friend of mine and he was always the responsible one. He had interviews lined up for the first day we were here. I was more like [adopts Southern slacker drawl], "I'll find work. It'll be easy." So the first job I had was the overnight stock shift at the Gap, which was unbelievably cruel to any human being.

FASTFWD

THIS WEEK'S TOP 5 LIVE SHOWS

1. Gorillaz
7:30 p.m. Sat. at UIC Pavilion
You thought they were cartoons.

2. Sufjan Stevens
8 p.m. Fri at Chicago Theatre
A freewheeling circus of ideas.



3. Mary J. Blige
6:30 p.m. Sun. at Chicago Theatre
You wish you could sing like that.

4. Eli 'Paperboy' Reed
9 p.m. Sun. at Bottom Lounge
Retro soul and proud of it.

SHAUN PAUL PERSONALITY TEST

What's the last album you bought? Black Mountain's "Wilderness Heart." "I love it. It's either that or [Arcade Fire's] "The Suburbs" for best album of the year so far."
Song you've listened to on repeat recently? "Midnight Train to Georgia" by Gladys Knight and the Pips. "It's fun to do the Pips parts."
Song you never want to hear again? Lady Gaga's "Poker Face."
Best concert you've seen in the last year? Arcade Fire at Lollapalooza.
New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big? Gold Motel

The press release mentions a number of interesting objects you used to create sounds, but the one that really jumps out is a space heater. I assume you used it as some kind of percussive element?
Yeah, [drummer] Tom [Des Enfants] gets kind of like a kid in a candy store when we're recording. "What can we add? Let's bang on this!" We were at Miles' house working on the song "Thomas!" and we needed something tinny to bang on, and Tom was like, "Hey, what about that [pointing to a space heater]?" Another thing we ended up using was a copy of "Tom Sawyer," and that was basically to get the low end on the same song. So a space heater and a book together make a perfect percussive instrument.

So the song "Thomas!" has a guy named Tom pounding out the beat on a copy of "Tom Sawyer?"
[Laughs.] It was more about the size and the thickness of the book cover, but we realized the same thing.

Have you ever taken on the role of chaperone?
Tom and I were in a band together called Blue Blood a couple years ago, and everywhere we went—every trip, every mile—I drove. Period. End of story. We were driving home from Austin one year and our singer leans over and is like, "Thanks for being such a great chaperone." And it just stuck.

It's funny you somehow earned that nickname when you talk about being eternally disorganized.
Oh, absolutely. I've always had a sense of flailing uncontrollably. It's kind of my thing.

ANDY DOWNING IS A METROMIX SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

New releases





K. Flay
"K. Flay"
Self-Released

In her charmingly homespun online bio, rapper K. Flay talks up her suburban Chicago upbringing, writing, "[I] grew up in Wilmette, IL eating poppy seed hot dog buns and rocking Air Jordans a size too big." Though she currently makes her home in San Francisco, K. Flay conjures her Chicago roots on opening salvo "No Duh" by taking it to Cleveland like Michael Jordan used to in his heyday. In barely more than a minute, the elastic, quick-witted MC mentions two of that city's biggest sports villains, comparing herself to both LeBron James (who recently transformed from hometown hero to traitor) and Carlos Boozer (forever known to Cavs fans as the player who betrayed the team's blind owner). Elsewhere, Flay spits atop druggy, house music-spiked beats ("Acetaminophen"), spins prickly tales of romance ("Anywhere But Here") and rhymes about the struggles of day-to-day life over a beat that sounds like a quick stroll down busy city streets ("So Fast, So Maybe"). —ANDY DOWNING, SPECIAL TO METROMIX
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FIRST AID KIT
Immensely charming Swedish sisters. With Ferraby Lionheart, Lion Limb.
9 p.m. $15. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

THE WALKMEN
Veteran indie rockers support acclaimed new "Lisbon." With Japandroids, Miniature Tigers.
9 p.m. $21. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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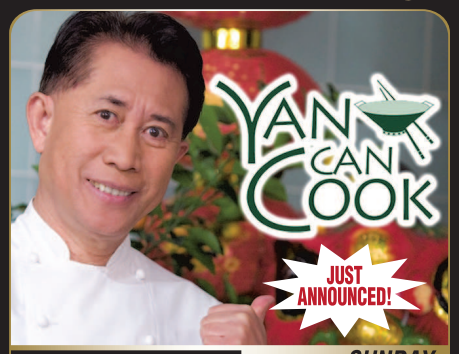
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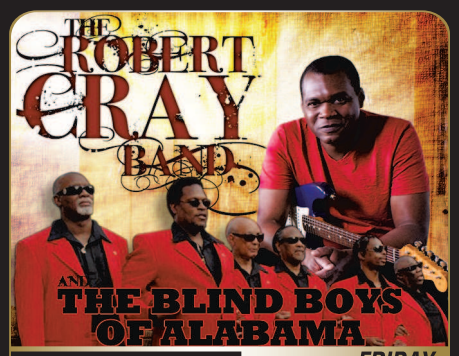
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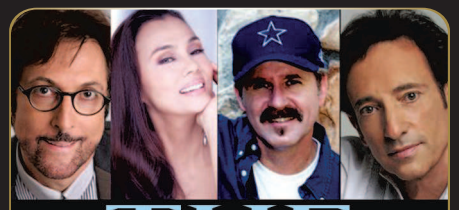
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Rebel Diaz, Wednesday, Nov. 24 ($12-$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

The Scumbabies Party, Tuesday, Nov. 23 ($12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Indigo Girls, Tuesday, Dec. 7 ($33-$38, 17+) at House of Blues.



ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

Josh Caterer, Saturday, Nov. 20 ($10, 18+) at Schubas.

Peter, Paul and Storm, Monday, Nov. 15 ($25, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Relient K, Sherwood, Deas Vail, Friday, Dec. 17 ($20, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Jay Brannan, Friday, Dec. 10 ($15, 17+) at Subterranean.

The Copyrights, Friday, Dec. 31 ($10-$12, 21+) at Fireside Bowl.

Godspeed You! Black Emperor, Monday, March 28 ($25, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Todd Rundgren's Johnson, Thursday, Dec. 9 ($40, 18+) at Park West.

The Tossers, Flatfoot 56, Friday, Dec. 31 ($25-$30, 21+) at Beat Kitchen.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Audiosoulproject, Lee Foss, Gadi Mizrahi, Nathan Drew Larsen, Friday, Nov. 26 ($7-$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Jared Bartman, Tuesday, Nov. 23 ($5, 21+) at Double Door.

Colette, DJ Heather, Saturday, Dec. 4 ($7-$13, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Justin Long, Saturday, Dec. 11 ($5-$12, 21+) at Smart Bar.

ON SALE NOW

The 1900s, Shapers, Tuesday, Oct. 26 ($8, 17+) at Fireside Bowl.

Cloud Cult, Friday, Dec. 10 ($16-$18, 18+) at Metro.

DJ Scary Lady Sarah, Saturday, Oct. 30 ($16-$19, 18+) at Metro.

Nero, Saturday, Dec. 4 ($12, 18+) at Subterranean.

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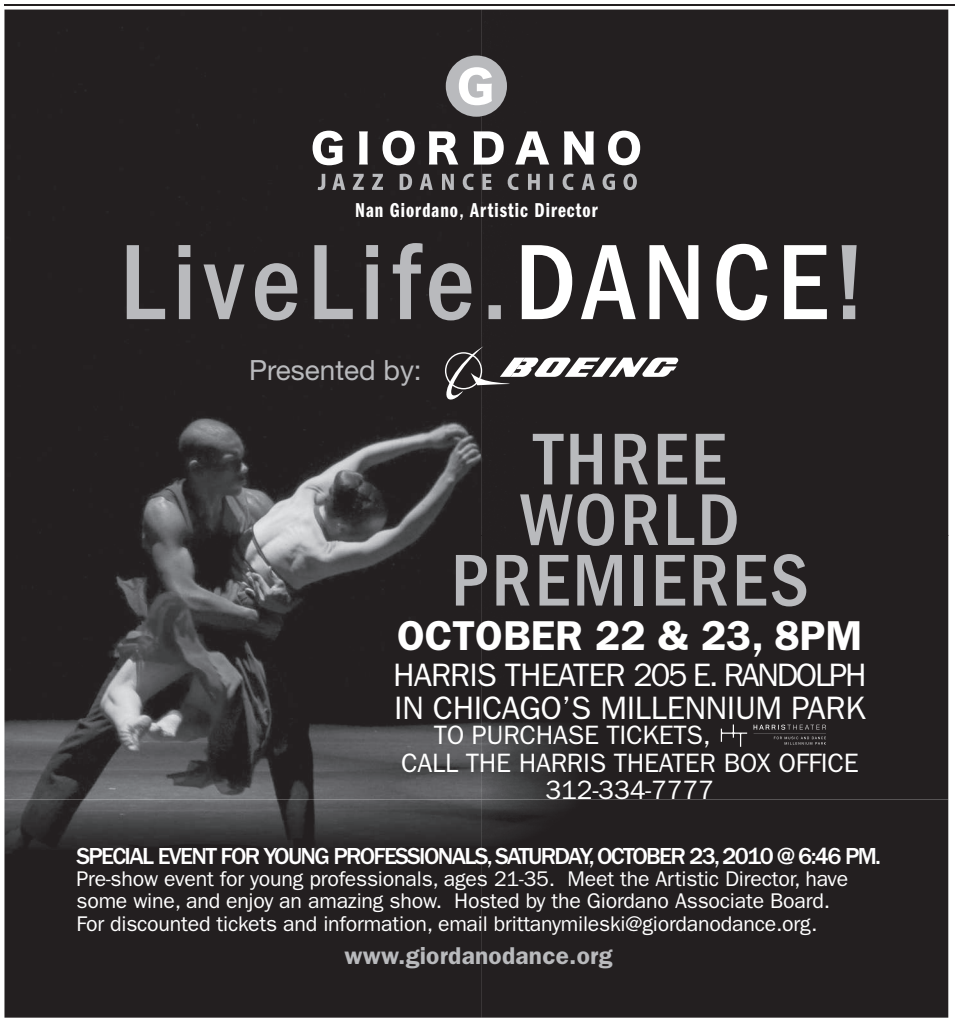
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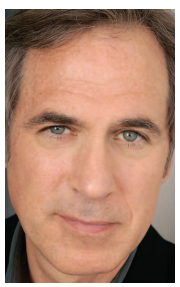
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Welcome to the 'Zoo'

Tom Amandes talks 'Roseanne,' 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' and surviving Chicago's Irish bars

By Julia Borcherts

If you own a TV, you've likely seen the mug of Tom Amandes (left). He starred in The WB's "Everwood," '90s series "The Untouchables" and plays the role of Dr. Pelikan on NBC's "Parenthood." Amandes also guest-starred in dozens of shows including "Big Love," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and recently landed a role in the indie film, "Lucky," which stars Colin Hanks as a serial killer who wins the lottery.



Amandes, a native of McHenry County in the northwest 'burbs who now lives in L.A., last appeared onstage in Chicago when Victory Gardens produced "Cynical Weathers" in 2006. Now he's back at V.G. in "At Home at the Zoo," a two-act drama about a man (Amandes) with marriage troubles who encounters an unstable fellow New Yorker.



Tom Amandes (left) in 'At Home at the Zoo'

What's your worst onstage moment ever?
When I was in Chicago, we had an Irish band. Once you've played in some of Chicago's finest Irish bars, no audience will frighten you again. [Laughs.] They would be filing in and we'd be like, "Please don't let them throw anything." I remember playing a really rough place called Dirty Dick's the night that the White Sox clinched the pennant back in the '80s. And the crowd didn't want Irish music; all they wanted to hear was "na na na na, hey, hey, hey, goodbye." They got ugly, so we ended up doing a version of that.

What's been your strangest guest-starring experience?
One of my first jobs in L.A. was playing Roseanne's gynecologist. [Laughs.] That was a rough set: Roseanne walked off declaring the script was crap. I was playing opposite her, but we didn't exchange a word. [One day], we were the only ones around and I caught her eye and said, "Good morning." And she just looked at me and went, "Ehhhh!" [Amandes screeches.] That was the only sound we shared the week I was there. It was one of my "welcome to Hollywood" moments.

How did you land a guest spot on "Curb Your Enthusiasm"?
That's really a fun experience. It's all straight improv. I was given a little slip of paper by the casting director and it said, "You have an office in the same building with Larry. You and your wife are friends with Larry and his wife and you have nine children. In the scene, you're out for lunch with Larry and Cheryl and Larry is trying to convince you to fire the secretary that you've just hired. You think he's joking and you basically laugh him off." That was it.

So you go into the room and it's Larry and Cheryl sitting there and you just start talking. And this is where I really have to thank my mother because she has that ability to walk into a crowd of strangers and start rattling off stories. And frankly, Jeff Garlin always helps—he likes to see us Chicago folks get a shot on "Curb."

What do you love about Chicago theater?
So much of the theater I've seen in L.A. is done with an eye towards showcasing or getting a movie role. Smaller theaters sometimes even double-cast with the contingency that some of these actors will be leaving. In Chicago, the actors are completely there and you're not just doing what the director tells you.

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ON STAGE

At Home at the Zoo
Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
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FIVE2SEE: THIS WEEK'S TOP LIVE SHOWS

BY REBECCA PALMORE

26 Miles
A Cuban-American woman and her estranged daughter take a spontaneous road trip and discover the meaning of family in Quiara Alegria Hudes' new drama, co-produced by Teatro Vista and Rivendell Theater Ensemble. Opens Sunday. Through Nov. 21. $15-$25. Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave. 312-633-0630.

The Dude Abides: The Musical
A humorous tribute to the Coen brothers cult flick "The Big Lebowski" features live music. Opens Thursday. Through Nov. 18. $12. iO, 3541 N. Clark St. 773-880-0199.

The Other Cinderella
Black Ensemble Theatre updates its 1976 debut, an urban musical inspired by the classic fairy tale. Opens Saturday for an open run. $40-$45. 4520 N. Beacon St. 773-769-4451.

Proof
A college dropout claims a mathematical discovery following the death of her father, a university professor, but others wonder: Is she masterly or mad? Previews start Wednesday. Through Nov. 14. $10-$25. Chicago Fusion Theatre at Royal George, 1641 N. Halsted St. 312-988-9000.

The Seagull
In this drama by Anton Chekhov, romance, intrigue and unrequited love tangle when a famous actress returns home with her young lover. Opens Saturday. Through Nov. 14. $10-$45. Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St. 312-443-3800.

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» Wines you have discovered can be a great way to share a personal experience with the recipient, and they certainly will appreciate the gesture. An added touch would be to attach a short note to the bottle describing why you love this particular wine and how you discovered it.

» If you haven't discovered any wines worth sharing lately, then sparkling wines such as Italian prosecco, Spanish Cava or French Champagne are safe bets. Bubbly wines are celebratory, and they come in handy during the holiday months.

» When it comes to a price point, there are plenty of great selections out there for less than $25 a bottle. Wines made from esoteric grape varieties or selections from off the beaten path often are reasonably priced. The gift recipient, who might be better versed in wine, is less likely to know how much you paid for a far-off selection versus more well-known bargain bottles. Stay within a budget that is comfortable for you and your pocketbook—after all, it's the thought that counts!

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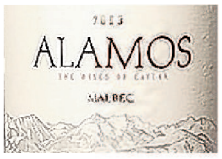
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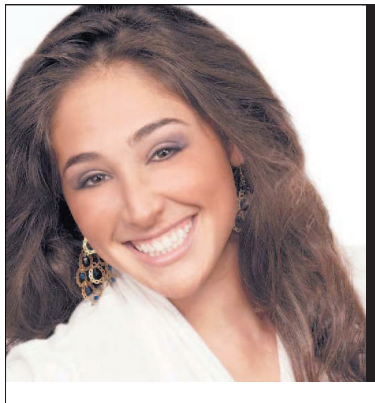
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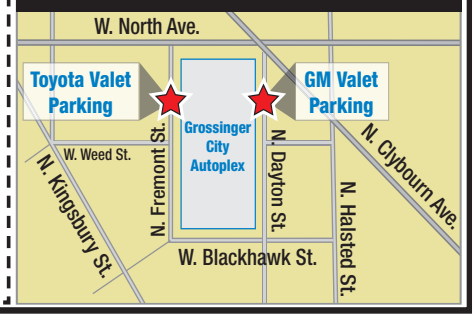
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS NOVEMBER 2, 2010

To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The purpose of a state constitution is to establish a structure for government and laws. The Illinois Constitution provides citizens with rights and protections; creates the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government; clarifies the powers given to local governments; limits the taxing power of the State; and imposes certain restrictions on the use of taxpayer dollars. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) the people of the State by referendum may propose changes to the Legislative Article. Regardless of the method of initiating change, the people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective.

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 7 to the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would provide the State's electors with an option to petition for a special election to recall a Governor and for the election of a successor Governor. At the general election to be held on November 2, 2010, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III — SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
Section 7 — Initiative to Recall Governor

(a) The recall of the Governor may be proposed by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at least 15% of the total votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election, with at least 100 signatures from each of at least 25 separate counties. A petition shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not more than 150 days after an affidavit has been filed with the State Board of Elections providing notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall the Governor. The affidavit may be filed no sooner than 6 months after the beginning of the Governor's term of office. The affidavit shall have been signed by the proponent of the recall petition, at least 20 members of the House of Representatives, and at least 10 members of the Senate, with no more than half of the signatures of members of each chamber from the same established political party.

(b) The form of the petition, circulation, and procedure for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition shall be as provided by law. If the petition is valid and sufficient, the State Board of Elections shall certify the petition not more than 100 days after the date the petition was filed, and the question "Shall (name) be recalled from the office of Governor?" must be submitted to the electors at a special election called by the State Board of Elections, to occur not more than 100 days after certification of the petition. A recall petition certified by the State Board of Elections may not be withdrawn and another recall petition may not be initiated against the Governor during the remainder of the current term of office. Any recall petition or recall election pending on the date of the next general election at which a candidate for Governor is elected is moot.

(c) If a petition to recall the Governor has been filed with the State Board of Elections, a person eligible to serve as Governor may propose his or her candidacy by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to the requirement for petitions for an established party candidate for the office of Governor, signed by petitioning electors not more than 50 days after a recall petition has been filed with the State Board of Elections. The form of a successor election petition, circulation, and procedure for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition shall be as provided by law. If the successor election petition is valid and sufficient, the State Board of Elections shall certify the petition not more than 100 days after the date the petition to recall the Governor was filed. Names of candidates for nomination to serve as the candidate of an established political party must be submitted to the electors at a special primary election, if necessary, called by the State Board of Elections to be held at the same time as the special election on the question of recall established under subsection (b). Names of candidates for the successor election must be submitted to the electors at a special successor election called by the State Board of Elections, to occur not more than 60 days after the date of the special primary election or on a date established by law.

(d) The Governor is immediately removed upon certification of the recall election results if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote to recall the Governor. If the Governor is removed, then (i) an Acting Governor determined under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article V shall serve until the Governor elected at the special successor election is qualified and (ii) the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the special successor election is elected Governor for the balance of the term.

EXPLANATION

The Illinois Constitution provides the General Assembly with exclusive authority to remove a Governor through the impeachment process. The Illinois Constitution also provides that the order of succession to the office of Governor shall be the Lieutenant Governor, the elected Attorney General, the elected Secretary of State, and then as provided by law. The proposed amendment would provide the State's electors with the ability to initiate a special election to recall a Governor and elect a new Governor.

To begin the recall process, an elector must file an affidavit of intent to circulate petitions to recall a Governor no sooner than 6 months after the beginning of the Governor's term of office. The affidavit must include signatures of the proponent of the recall petition, at least 20 members of the House of Representatives, and at least 10 members of the Senate, with no more than half of the signatures in each chamber from the same political party. After filing the affidavit with the State Board of Elections, the proponent has 150 days to circulate a petition. The petition must include signatures equal to 15% of the total votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election, with at least 100 signatures from a minimum of 25 counties. Within 100 days, the State Board of Elections must certify or reject the petition, and if the Board certifies the petition, a special election must be held within 100 days after the certification. The special election ballot shall include the question, "Shall (name) be removed from the office of Governor?". The Governor is immediately removed if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote to recall the Governor.

Persons seeking to be elected to serve as the successor Governor may circulate nomination petitions. A petition must be signed by 5,000 electors. If multiple candidates of the same party file petitions, a special primary election will occur on the same day as the recall election.

If a Governor is recalled, a special election to elect the successor Governor must take place within 60 days. An Acting Governor, as determined by the order of succession, shall assume the duties of the Governor until the electors choose a new Governor. The special election ballot will include the names of the candidates nominated at the special primary election, as well as any independent or new party candidates, on a special election ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Governor for the balance of the term.

Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to provide for a special election to recall a Governor and for a special election to elect a successor Governor should vote **"YES"** on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question, or a majority of those voting in the election, must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective. Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to provide for a special election to recall a Governor and for a special election to elect a successor Governor should vote **"NO"** on the question.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL APPEAR UPON THE BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING FORM:
FORM OF BALLOT
Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds a new section to the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would provide the State's electors with an option to petition for a special election to recall a Governor and for the special election of a successor Governor. At the general election to be held on November 2, 2010, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

If you believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to provide for a special election to recall a Governor and for a special election to elect a successor Governor, you should vote **"YES"** on the question. If you believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to provide for a special election to recall a Governor and for a special election to elect a successor Governor, you should vote **"NO"** on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective.

YES
NO — For the proposed addition of Section 7 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution.

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call at the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, as set forth in House Joint Resolution 121 of the 96th General Assembly in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois. Done in the City of Springfield, this 2nd day of August 2010.

Jesse White
Secretary of State

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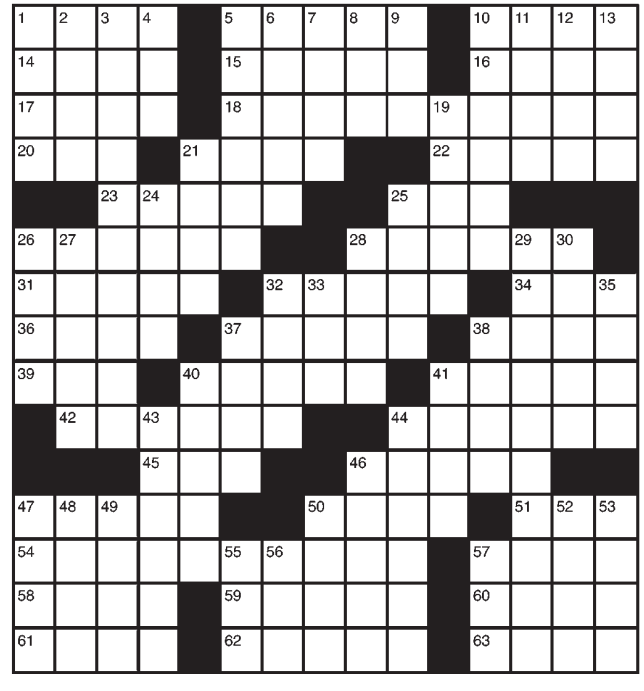
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By Dana Moran
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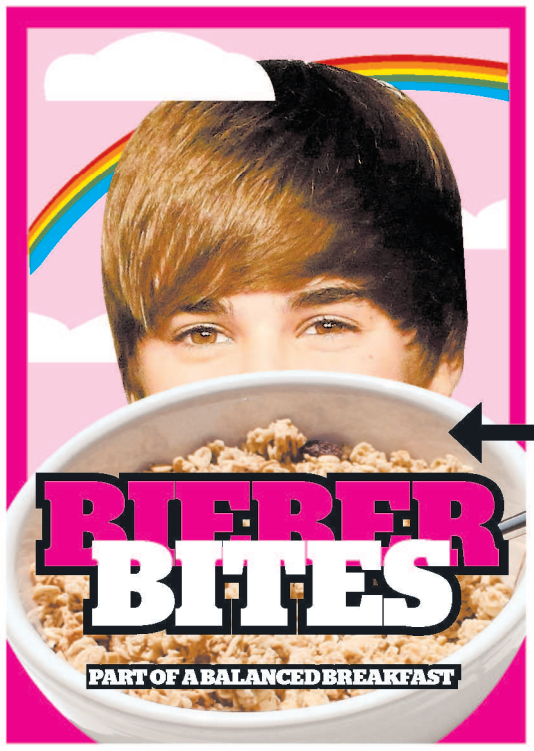
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HOT DATE
That's the date "Mr. Immortality: The Life and Times of Twista" will be released on DVD, sharing the story of the super swift-tongued Chi-town MC's (left) rise to fame. "Mr. Immortality" features appearances by Ne-Yo and Jeremih, a film rep told RedEye. GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

Celeb love report

Someone must've leaned on the accelerate lever on the celebrity marriage carousel because it's spinning out of control. Here's a celeb romance update.

DIVORCING
Laura Dern and Ben Harper
The rocker has filed for divorce from his actress wife after almost five years of marriage, The Associated Press reported Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO





ON A BREAK
Christina Aguilera and Jordan Bratman
Xtina issued a brief statement Tuesday confirming that the couple has separated, according to **eonline.com**. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO



MARRIED
David Schwimmer and Zoe Buckman
A rep for the former "Friends" star, 43, and his 25-year-old British photographer wife confirmed late Monday to **eonline.com** that they married in June. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO





Let the voting begin
What do rapper Eminem (top) and country band Lady Antebellum (bottom) have in common? They led the American Music Awards nominations Tuesday with five apiece, according to **eonline.com**. Justin Bieber was next with four noms. Voting is taking place at **americanmusicawards.com** through Nov. 12, and the show will be broadcast live Nov. 21 on ABC. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTOS

Eye of the liger
Brush up on your crossbow skills and practice your sweet bike jumps—"Napoleon Dynamite" is coming to TV. Fox has ordered six episodes of an animated series featuring the antics of the teen geek and his friends, according to **deadline.com**. The original cast, including Jon Heder as Napoleon, will voice the series, which is planned for the 2011 season.

Dance grenade
Apparently The Situation's smooth moves with the ladies don't translate to the ballroom dancing floor. Mike Sorrentino and partner Karina Smirnoff were sent packing Tuesday night on "Dancing With the Stars." Fortunately, he'll always have the shore.

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